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POLICE STAGE DRAMA IN TORRANCE

BOY WEEK PROGRAM ALL SET

Churches Will Open Observance with Special Services for Lads

PARADE — TOURNAMENT Youths Will Take Part in Events Planned by Rotary Club

Boys' Week will be observed in Torrance during the week of April 28 with ceremonies for boys in all churches, a mass meeting of all Torrance youths, visits to local industries, and closing on Friday, April 30, with a parade, an athletic tournament and a wienie roast.

The program for the week is being arranged by the Rotary Club of Torrance through its boys' work committee, of which Charles V. Jones is chairman.

Carl L. Hyde is in charge of the mass meetings which will be held for boys of the high and grammar schools on Wednesday, April 28. Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter of the Christian church will arrange for special services for boys in the churches on Sunday, April 26.

The athletic tournament will be under the direction of Hurum E. Reeve. Harvel Guttenfelder is chairman of the parade committee, and Fay Parks of the wienie roast committee.

The parade, which will be held from 1 to 2 o'clock, will consist of various boys' athletic teams in uniform, all Torrance Scout troops, a band, various local patriotic organizations.

The athletic meetings will be held from 2:30 to 4:30, and the wienie roast at 5:30.

Five Arrested in Booze Drive Over Week End

Three Fined, One Released When Judge Rules on Ginger

Five men were arrested in Torrance and Lomita over the weekend for asserted violations of the liquor law.

Harry A. Frank, 41, of Los Angeles, was arrested by Officers Hamilton and Edwards. He had a bottle of Jamaica ginger on his person, the police said. He was released by City Recorder Rippey yesterday. The recorder advised against Jamaica ginger for drinking purposes, but said it was not against the law to carry it.

Edward Herrerra, 34, of Los Angeles, paid a fine of \$100 for possessing liquor. He was arrested by Officers Edwards and Hamilton. Rube Hogue, 43, was sitting next to R. C. Miller, 21, early Saturday morning while Miller piloted a large Peaseless car through the city. They were traveling at a rate of 47 miles an hour, according to Officer Stanley, who arrested them. Hogue, charged with possession of a pint bottle partly filled with liquor, was fined \$50, half of which was suspended. Miller was fined \$15 for speeding. A fine of \$50 imposed on him for transporting the liquor that was in Hogue's pocket, was suspended. Both men are from Wilmington.

J. C. Gamba, 33, of Lomita, was arrested by Deputy Morris, who charged him with possession of liquor.

Scout Quintet to Play Friday Night

The basketball team of Torrance Troop No. 3, Boy Scouts of America, will play on the Scout court provided for them by the Rotary Club, Friday evening, the first of a series of three games with a team from Gardena Troop No. 4. To decide the Carson section championship for lightweight basketball teams in the Scout League. The winner of this series will play a team from San Pedro Troop No. 1 to decide the district championship. An invitation extended to all friends of Scouting to turn out to see the game, which will start at 8 o'clock, the court being located beside the Methodist church.

Able to Own Palace, But Happy in Cottage



Ralph Powell and his bride, Rosamond Gluck

By Central Press OMAHA, Neb., April 14.—Happy? Of course! declare Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Powell, who are finding love in a cottage more desirable than love in a palace.

Theirs was a courtship imbued with luxury, an ocean voyage in a party numbering the elite and envied of New York and Chicago, a tour of Europe with Paris at its gayest.

But when Powell and Rosamond Gluck were married they waved a gay au revoir to pomp and splendor, and came back to Omaha, where the young man's mother lived. Here they settled down on Ralph's earnings as a clerk just like any ordinary western couple would while "just getting a start."

Back in 1918, while Powell and some soldier buddies were strolling in New York, a limousine rolled up to the curb and they were hailed.

"Want a ride, boys?" It was just the usual question. The formality of introduction had been scrapped in those stirring days.

Lasting Friendship The voice that extended the invitation belonged to Mrs. Arthur Schoellkopf, very wealthy widow of the president of the Hydraulic Power Company of Niagara Falls. Ralph Powell interested Mrs. Schoellkopf at once. She saw in him a living portrait of her son, Cornell athlete, who had died three years before.

At this meeting a lasting friendship sprang up. When Powell went overseas Mrs. Schoellkopf wrote cheering letters to him and once a week she sent him a box of dainties that made him the envy of his regiment.

The war over, Powell returned to New York. He visited a week with Mrs. Schoellkopf, then hurried back to Omaha, where his good mother was anxiously waiting to see her son for the first time in two years.

Ralph decided to continue his education when he laid aside the khaki. He entered Nebraska University at Lincoln, but the longing to be near his mother brought him to Omaha, where he matriculated in Creighton University law school, earning his expenses by working nights.

Powell's considerable athletic ability won him a place on the Creighton basketball team, and when the five visited the east to play some of the larger universities he again met Mrs. Schoellkopf. She invited him to become her secretary and live in her mansion, offering him the opportunity of attending Columbia University.

He did not give her an answer until he had returned to Omaha and talked with his mother, whom he was reluctant to leave. Mrs. Powell urged him to accept the opportunity, and he did.

He started to Columbia and attended to Mrs. Schoellkopf's business. She was relieved to get a young and ambitious head like Powell's to attend to the details of her estate.

R. R. Smith Relates Amusing Details of Early Torrance

In an address of reminiscence, R. R. Smith Thursday noon carried members of the Rotary Club back to the first days of Torrance, when the site of the present city was a huge potato patch which kept the early pioneers in spuds for a couple of years.

The address was part of the program arranged by another pioneer of the early days here—Hurum E. Reeve. Mr. Smith presented a picture of Torrance in 1912. It was a panorama about twelve feet long and a foot high, and it might properly have been named "Noontime on the Mojave."

"The picture was taken in 1912 and showed a vast stretch of sand, broken only by a single clump of trees, located at the present intersection of Gramercy avenue and Carson street.

Mr. Smith said that in 1912 there were two buildings in the desert that is now a beautiful city—a great barn called the airdrome at Gramercy and Carson, and the Carson ranch barn.

Plenty of Rodents The "aerodrome" was the habitat of hundreds of rats, it was here that the graders and workmen who laid out the streets of the city were housed, although many of them, according to Mr. Smith, sought solace out of doors at night rather than sleep inside where the rats were dancing the two-step.

The Union Tool Company started building its plant here in March, 1912, a month before any move was made to lay out the town. It was then that the first homes were

built, several now being able to contest for the distinction of having erected the first Torrance dwelling.

The townsite, according to Mr. Smith, had been a vast potato patch extending from the present P. E. shops site to Lomita and from the Union Tool plant to Cota avenue.

"For two or three years nobody in Torrance bought potatoes," said Mr. Smith. "The more thrifty would take a couple of days off and dig enough out of the sand to last several weeks. Others would simply step out of the back door shortly before supper and dig enough right then for the evening meal."

Firemen First The first organization in Torrance, according to the speaker, was the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department, housed originally in the old cook-house, where a Chinese culinary artist had been wont to prepare meals for the men who graded the streets of the town site.

Mr. Smith asserted that it was not the wish of Jared Sidney Torrance that the town be named after him; that Mr. Torrance preferred the name of Dominguez, but that he was overruled by his associates, who insisted that the town bear the name of its real founder.

In 1913, a year after the graders appeared on the scene, the population of Torrance was about 500, according to Mr. Smith.

The first social function in the history of the city was the Fire-

Squirrels Nutty Hence, Shooting

"What's all the shooting for?" shouted a wild-eyed individual who rushed into Torrance police headquarters.

"Squirrels," said Ollie Stevenson. "Are you nuts?" cried the stranger.

"No, but the squirrels are," said Ollie. When the stranger calmed down Ollie explained. County authorities suspect that squirrels in these parts are afflicted with rabies. So they sent V. O. Orman down this way to shoot a few, that they might be examined for traces of the animal malady.

Hence the shooting. Hence also the stranger's question. And hence also Ollie's statement that the squirrels are nuts.

Exit stranger, smiling.

County Chiefs Due at Legion Meets Tonight

Auxiliary and Veterans Will Hold Joint Session at Guild Hall

A joint meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post and the Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held tonight at 7:20 at the Guild hall of the Central Evangelical church. County Commander W. A. Knaust of Los Angeles and President Dobbins of the Auxiliary will be present. Refreshments will be served.

BELL HEAD OF PLAN BOARD

Legion Representative Elected Chairman of New City Commission

BROOKS IS SECRETARY Terms of Five Appointed Members Decided by Drawing Lots

Carleton B. Bell was elected chairman and Willis M. Brooks was chosen secretary of the city planning commission of Torrance Friday evening.

The commission voted to hold two meetings a month—on the Friday evenings preceding the regular meetings of the board of trustees.

The terms to be served by the appointed members of the commission were decided by drawing lots. As a result of the drawings the term of Mr. Brooks will end on Dec. 31, 1925; those of Mrs. J. W. Post and Brian K. Welch on Dec. 31, 1926; and those of Mr. Bell and W. Harold Kingsley on Dec. 31, 1927.

City Attorney P. G. Briney, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Bell attended the meeting of the Southern California Association of City Planners at Venice Saturday afternoon.

Chambers Ask Extension of Carson Street

Harbor District Requests Road Be Paved to Orange County

Pave Carson street through to Orange county!

This was the cry taken up by the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce last Thursday night.

With plans and specifications for the new pavement to connect Torrance with Long Beach boulevard almost completed, the influence of the Harbor Chambers will be brought to bear in an effort to induce the Regional Planning Commission to recommend extension of the highway to connect with the Orange county boulevard system.

This connection, only six miles in length, would provide a new east-west paved way from San Bernardino to Redondo.

Paul Morse of Torrance and H. D. Pottinger of Long Beach were appointed to consult with the Regional Planning Commission.

Tax Assessor to Meet Folks Here on Friday

Will Discuss Levies on Torrance Property at C. of C. Office

For the benefit of Torrance property owners who wish consult an official on matters affecting assessed valuations of real and personal property here, Deputy Assessor R. Robertson will be at the office of the Chamber of Commerce Friday from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

War veterans who are entitled to personal property exemption of \$1000 may arrange for the exemption with Mr. Robertson and save themselves a trip to the Hall of Records. They should bring their discharge papers with them.

Episcopal Women Will Hold Bazaar

A utility bazaar will be held Friday afternoon and evening, April 17, by the ladies of the Episcopal church at the parish hall on Engracia avenue.

Besides cooked food, a number of useful articles will be on sale. Tea will be served, free of charge, in the afternoon, and in the evening an excellent program will be presented and refreshments served. You are cordially invited to attend.

Observations

Ford, Feudal Lords, Corporations and Socialism—French Politics and Your Purse—Hindenburg's Candidacy—Last A. E. F. Man Comes Home

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

BEFORE me is an attractive book entitled "The Ford Industries." Inside is described in words and pictures the tremendous scope of the Ford activities—coal and iron mining, glass manufacture, lumbering, engineering research, development of water power, operation of shipping lines and railroads.

Glancing through the book one is struck by the enormous significance of the industrial empire which goes under the name of Ford. The great land estates of European feudal overlords pale into insignificance beside this modern industrial duchy.

And yet, as in feudal times, the system goes back in the final analysis to a human being. If the lord was humane his vassals prospered and did well. If not they suffered. So with a great industrial empire of today. Reaching out to the development of natural resources and flinging its organization to the far corners of the earth, the great Ford institution is safe as long as it remains in the hands of men like Henry and Edsel Ford. In the control of less conscientious individuals it might become an ugly weapon.

At the same time the size of an industrial institution should not make it the object of a people's wrath. Ford has proven, perhaps more conclusively than it ever has been proven before, that mass production is an economy; that the public benefits from the enormous savings made possible by such a far-reaching industrial organization as the Ford. As long as we are going to have corporations it is ill-advised to limit them in size and width of scope. To narrow the business horizons of any institution is penny-wise and pound-foolish.

Yet really how we love to fool ourselves. When the feudal system was overthrown men smiled in a satisfied way and said to themselves: "Well, there goes one bad institution." Then they set about it and legalized the corporation. They drove the individual to cover and passed his privileges to a group. The feudal overlord, the modern employer—which is just what the overlord was—today is the corporation. The group has merely supplanted the individual.

But to say that the corporation should go the way of the overlord is another matter altogether.

The next step, says your apostle of Karl Marx, is to pass all right of employment to the state, to supplant the modern group, or the corporation, with an institution wholly representative of the whole people.

Really that would be a sublime society. The only difficulty lies in the fact that mortals are too imperfect to make it work. Until mankind has purged itself of its present inherent imperfections the present system will stand.

Socialism? Yes, in a few million years. In the meantime the best we can do is hope for a few more Henry Fords.

ARE you interested in French politics. If not you ought to be. For French politics have a direct bearing on the status of your pocketbook. As this is written Aristide Briand tells President Doumergue that he cannot muster sufficient support in the Chamber of Deputies to form a cabinet. That is not good news. Briand is a strong man. With the Chamber of Deputies divided into several groups it probably will be impossible for any truly great man to become premier. And you have the situation in which a compromise must be made, with the ultimate selection of a second-rater, as happens so frequently in American national conventions.

A strong government in France means speedier reconstruction and quicker carrying out of the provisions of the Dawes plan. And that means speedier payment of the French debt to the United States, which in turn would make possible further reductions in your income tax.

Now are you interested in French politics? IS Von Hindenburg a candidate for president of Germany against his better judgment and his will? Political observers in London, than whom there are no others more astute in Europe, declare that Von Tirpitz, war-time boss of the German submarine campaign and author of the "sink-them-without-warning" policy, dictated Hindenburg's acceptance of the nomination. They add that through Von Tirpitz spoke the will of Wilhelm, the disappointed man of Doorn.

All Europe trembles at the possibility of a return to power of the Hohenzollerns and sees in the candidacy of Hindenburg the first step toward that end.

Is it possible that the German people, gripped by poverty, will seek a remedy for their economic ills in a semi-royalist government? It does not seem possible. It cannot be that they will put back into power the very classes that dragged them to the unenviable conditions under which they now live.

MEN, however, are fickle and easily led. The prescription of the royalists in Germany "listens good." "Come, good people," they say, "put back into power the greatest man in Germany, the man under whose leadership before the war Germany prospered more than all the world. Let us away with this political fighting and bring prosperity back through the medium of a strong, solid, conservative government. With the great field marshal as president we will soon return to conditions that prevailed in those days before England forced us into war."

The people of Germany may swallow that whole—for they do believe that England and not Germany started the war.

If you don't think so ask anyone who has traveled in Germany during the last five years.

SERGEANT JOHN J. LOFTUS, Motor Transport Corps, A. E. F., stepped off the gangplank at Hoboken the other day—the last member of John J. Pershing's troupe of European Crusaders to come back. Sergeant Loftus told reporters that he was glad to be home, despite the fact that he had been in Europe for months without having to take orders from a "shavetail."

"But," he complained, "when I left the States in July, 1917, Camels only cost a dime. Now they're fifteen cents."

Thus endeth the American participation in the great European war.

THE international labor office at Geneva, Switzerland, shows that workers in America are earning about twice as much in foot-purchasing power as workers in London. Taking London as 100, index numbers of some other cities are as follows: Philadelphia, 214; Ottawa, 178; Amsterdam, 89; Berlin, 55; Brussels, 59; Milan, 46; Lisbon, 32; Paris, 73; Rome, 46; Vienna, 47.

THE American Legion lapel button can't be used as a talisman for agraft in Chatham N. Y. A man who gave the name of William H. Jervis thought it could. He appeared in the town not long ago, wearing the Legion's emblem, and began collecting money from those who were stirred to sympathy by the pamphlets he handed out describing the pitiful need of a "soldier who was gassed."

Legionnaires of Chatham Post caught up with the stranger. They didn't think he looked like a Legionnaire—and certainly he wasn't acting like one. They looked at his army discharge papers. (Continued on Last Page)

ASSERTED PLOTTERS NABBED

G. W. and Lee McPherson Arrested in Alleged "Installation" Extortion

CHARGE DEATH THREAT

G. A. MacMillan, Oil Man, Tips Police to Payment Rendezvous

Marcelina avenue in Torrance was a veritable "no-man's land" Friday afternoon when five officers heavily armed, one of them with a double-barreled shotgun, arrested G. W. MacPherson and his brother Lee just after the former, it is charged, had received from G. A. MacMillan, Sentinel Oil Company employe, \$100 in bills—the first payment in an asserted extortion plot which MacMillan declared was based on threats of murder.

The presence of the police—Chief Patterson with the shotgun, Officers Phillips and Stroh, and Detectives Reamer and Darley of the district attorney's office—was brought about when MacMillan informed Officer Ira Young and Chief Patterson of the details of the asserted plot and urged them to be present at the Marcelina street rendezvous when he was supposed to make MacPherson's first payment in the alleged \$500 "installation plan" extortion.

The First Meeting On Saturday morning, April 4, according to the story MacMillan told Chief Patterson, he was accosted in the oil field by G. W. MacPherson. MacMillan says that MacPherson, whom he "never saw before," approached the Sentinel Oil Company truck which MacMillan was driving and pull out a gun said "I'm going to kill you right now."

MacMillan asserted he replied: "Why kill me? I never did anything to you. I never saw you before."

Then, says MacMillan, MacPherson charged him with slandering Mrs. MacPherson, the pretty 20-year-old mother, who formerly lived on Hoover street in Torrance.

MacMillan told the chief that while he was looking into the muzzle of the revolver he urged MacPherson to let him "fix it up financially."

It was then stipulated, according to MacMillan, that he meet MacPherson on Marcelina street that afternoon and give him "some money."

Cites Threat Again MacMillan described that meeting as follows: "About 4 o'clock I stood near the First National Bank waiting for MacPherson. Pretty soon he drove up in a Chevrolet sedan with a woman and two children. I went up to the car and saw a gun lying on the seat between the woman (Mrs. MacPherson) and MacPherson. I told MacPherson that I (Continued on Last Page)

Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 7:30 p. m.—Meeting W. E. A. Torrance Review, American hall.

7:30 p. m.—Joint meeting American Legion and Auxiliary, Evangelical hall.

8 p. m.—Meeting Triple Lodge No. 333, I. O. O. F., Odd Fellows hall, Lomita.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 8 p. m.—Meeting Torrance Lodge No. 447, F. and A. M., Masonic temple.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 Eastern Star dance, Moose hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 Services in all churches.

MONDAY, APRIL 20 8 p. m.—Meeting board of city trustees.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 Masonic Building Association stockholders' meeting, Masonic temple.